## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

| INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE      |  |
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| THE HONORABLE ROBERT T. BURGER, |  |
| JQC 15-503                      |  |
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## NOTICE OF FORMAL CHARGES

To: The Honorable Robert T. Burger Circuit Judge, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, Florida, 32940-8006

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT the investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, by a vote of not less than two-thirds by email vote on September 22, 2015, has determined, pursuant to Rule 6(f) of the Judicial Qualification Rules and Article V, Section 12(b) of the constitution of Florida, that probable cause exists for formal proceedings to be instituted against you, to wit:

1. That you are suffering from a permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of your duties as a judge of the Circuit Court for the Eighteenth Circuit in that your physician, Lee S. Scheinbart, M.D., has been treating you since January 2015 for metastatic colon cancer. He has determined that the condition is permanent and the due to the fatigue, lack of stamina, and the effects of treatment renders you unable to return to fulltime duty as a judge and seriously interferes with and prevents you from the performance of your judicial duties.

You are hereby notified of your right to file a written answer to these charges

within twenty (20) days of service of this notice upon you. The original of your response and all subsequent pleadings must be filed with the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court, in accordance with the Court's e-filing requirements.

Dated this 24th day of September 2015.

INVESTIGATIVE PANEL OF THE FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has been furnished by Email to Judge Robert T. Burger, 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida, 32940-8006, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

/s/ Michael L. Schneider Michael L. Schneider Executive Director and General Counsel